



**Green Mountain/Finger Lakes National Forests**  
**Rainbow Family National Gathering**  
**Information Update**  
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**Update 9**

Approximately 2,000 Rainbow Family members are currently occupying areas on Forest Road 10 near Mount Tabor. Parking challenges continue along FR 10 and in bus village. Bus parking is being monitored as more people arrive at the gathering site.

Local residents visiting the gathering site should be aware that traffic congestion is increasing.

Surrounding communities and business owners could see an increase in Rainbow Family activity in the coming days as more participants arrive at the gathering. Activities in need of law enforcement attention should be brought to the attention of the incident command post at the number above.

Law enforcement for this gathering is an excellent cooperative effort between the Rutland County Sheriff, Vermont State Police, Manchester Police Department, Bennington Police Department and Forest Service officers.

Monday, June 27<sup>th</sup> was the first court date for Rainbow Family members who were required to appear to clear their violation notices. Sixty defendants appeared in Federal Court in Rutland.

To date, 120 warning notices and 84 violation notices have been issued. 75 incident reports were addressed by law enforcement officers.

Funds received from people required to pay a fine for a federal offence are provided to the "Victims of Crime" account in the Office for Victims of Crime. The Victims of Crime Act was passed in 1984 and can be viewed in its entirety at [www.ovc.gov](http://www.ovc.gov).

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Photos below: A wild turkey nest that has been marked for avoidance in the overflow bus parking for the Rainbow Family. Bottom: A Rainbow Family quilt decorating a tree.

